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Poly grad brings home gold

Brown Trafton first to claim U.S. gold in women's discus since 1932



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Cal Poly alumna Stephanie Brown Trafton celebrates her surprise win with a U.S. flag at the National Stadium in Beijing after bringing home the Olympic gold for the U.S. on Monday in women's discus.



SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY FROM THE OLYMPICS

BEIJING — Cal Poly graduate Stephanie Brown Trafton won the gold medal in the women's discus Monday night at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing and became the first gold medalist from Cal Poly after posting a mark of 212 feet, 5 inches.

"Someone told me that I was coming to the Bird's Nest to lay a golden egg," she told reporters. "That's what I tried to do."

Brown Trafton's gold, her first in international competition, gave the United States its first gold medal in the event since 1932. It hadn't even medaled in the women's discus since Leslie Deniz won a silver in 1984.

"I'm just so thrilled that mine was gold and I got to represent my country," Brown Trafton said. "Every Olympics, anything can happen."

Yarelys Barrios of Cuba took the silver at 208-9, and Olena Antonova of Ukraine the bronze at 205-4.

Brown Trafton, a 2004 graduate in engineering, completed her gold standard with her first throw and waited through 47 tosses by 11 others before she could relax.

"All through college, and even when I was coming up, my first throw has always seemed to be my best throw," said Brown Trafton, a three-time All-American at Cal Poly. "That was definitely the

strategy here tonight. No one else stepped up and I was able to pull off the upset."

It was indeed an upset. The 28-year-old Arroyo Grande native entered as the 16th seed, but had the No. 1 throw in Friday's qualifying round, at 205-11 3/4.

At the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, she failed to advance to the final round by finishing 11th in the first of two prelims groups, at 192-1.

In a newsletter given to American fans in Beijing, Track and Field News editors commented on Brown Trafton's win, "A surprise? YES. Brown Trafton was only third at the (U.S. Olympics trials in Eugene, Ore.), and has never won a U.S. title, and when she led the qualifying (in Beijing), we tended to think it was a very pleasant fluke... We didn't even have her mentioned in our (medal prediction) form sheet."

Added track fan Manuel De Anda from Oakland after watching Brown Trafton in Beijing, "I don't even remember her in Eugene... what a surprise."

Some speculated a light rain that dampened the field at the start of the discus throw may have actually helped Brown Trafton's chances.

"The rain may have been a god-send because the slippery (discus throwing) ring caused difficulties for the rest of the field," the Track and Field News editors wrote.

Interestingly, Brown Trafton's affiliation with San Luis Obispo has caused some confusion and earned her a new nickname in Beijing. "SLO" is the Olympic abbreviation for Slovenia, earning Brown Trafton the nickname "Stephanie from Slovenia" — although her U.S. fans who've given her the moniker

clearly know she's from the California coast.

Brown Trafton is the third Cal Poly graduate to medal in Olympic competition, following Gina Miles and Karen Kraft. Miles won a silver in equestrian eventing last week, and Kraft won a silver in pairs rowing in 1996 before collecting a bronze in the same event in 2000.

Other Cal Poly alumni who competed in Beijing include Sharon Day, who took 12th in the qualifying round of the women's high jump and will not compete in the final round; and baseball player Jimmy Van Ostrand, who, along with Team Canada, was eliminated from the medal round after the team posted a 1-6 mark. Cal Poly senior Mark Barr will swim for the U.S. at the Paralympic Games which begin Sept. 6, also in Beijing.

Journalism professor George Ramos contributed to this Mustang Daily special, reporting from the Olympic Games in Beijing.



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Incoming basketball player to face bank robbery charges

Donovan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

An 18-year-old Minnesotan on the Cal Poly men's basketball roster will face two felony charges stemming from his alleged involvement in a Wisconsin bank robbery Saturday morning, authorities said Wednesday.

Anthony Di Loreto of Minnetonka, Minn. will be arraigned today in Wisconsin's Burnett County Circuit Court on charges of being a party to a robbery of a financial institution and possessing a short-barreled shotgun, Burnett County Sheriff Dean Roland said.

At Hennepin County District Court in Minnesota on Wednesday, Di Loreto waived his extradition hearing and will be returned to Wisconsin today, Roland said.

A university athletic department official said Wednesday that neither the school nor Cal Poly men's basketball head coach Kevin Bromley would comment on the arrest or the status of Di Loreto until more information becomes available.

Di Loreto's alleged 16-year-old accomplice (whose name has not been released) reportedly used Di Loreto's shotgun Saturday morning to hold up Bremer Bank in Danbury, Wis. while Di Loreto waited nearby in a would-be getaway car.

"They had discussed robbing the bank before (leaving eastern Minnesota for western Wisconsin)," Roland said. "The juvenile was to go across the street and rob the bank when it opened in the morning, and (Di Loreto) was going to be the getaway driver."

While the juvenile was waiting

longer than planned to rob the bank, Roland said, he "lost communication" with a confused Di Loreto, who went to the bank to "see what was going on" and pretended to be inter-

From the criminal complaint filed at Burnett County Court on Aug. 18:

"He admitted he and (minor's name omitted) had made plans the previous night to rob the Bremer bank."

ested in starting a student account in order to not look suspicious, before leaving and pumping gas in the town without paying for it.

As Di Loreto drove around the town looking for the juvenile, Roland said, he noticed police cars heading in the bank's direction, although they were actually responding to an automobile accident across the street from the bank, which the juvenile reportedly robbed at about 9:55 a.m.

A frightened Di Loreto proceeded to drive back to Minnetonka, Roland said, stranding the juvenile, who tried to leave the town on foot with about \$1,000 he had stolen, but was apprehended about 50 minutes later.

The juvenile then told authorities he was brought to town in Di Loreto's blue Honda, Roland said.

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Bill to lower textbook costs

Breehan Yohe-Mellor

MUSTANG DAILY

Students can expect cheaper textbooks by next school year, thanks to a Congressional bill signed into law by the president on Aug. 14 encouraging textbook publishers to help lower book prices. The bill, part of the Higher Education Opportunity Act, goes into effect in July 2010.

Groups such as the student-run California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG) support it.

"Our campaign focuses on textbooks because it's...really important to help make higher education affordable for a lot of students," said Nicole Allen, Textbook Advocate for CALPIRG.

"The reason textbook prices are so out of control is that the textbook market doesn't work like a normal market," Allen said.

"The people who choose textbooks aren't the actual consumers, so students, the actual consumers, have to buy whatever textbooks they're assigned. That means publishers can set prices really high and engage in practices that no other industry would be able to get away with."

She said some of those current practices include bundling textbooks, workbooks, CDs and pass codes together, inflating the cost and making them harder

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After the license plate of the car involved in the gas theft was matched with that of Di Loreto's vehicle, Minnetonka police took Di Loreto into custody in his hometown before he was booked into Hennepin County Jail, Roland said.

He was being held without bail while awaiting extradition, a jail official said Wednesday.

According to a court

document faxed to the Mustang Daily by the Burnett County District Attorney's Office, Di Loreto admitted to Minnetonka authorities he and the juvenile planned Friday night to rob the bank, and that he had been keeping his shotgun hidden in trees at a Minnetonka park.

Roland said he is mystified as to why Di Loreto, who hailed from a seemingly well-to-do, affluent household, would plan such a robbery.

"That's the \$64,000 question," he said. "We don't

know."

A phone message left Wednesday afternoon for Di Loreto, who is listed in Cal Poly's directory as a business major, was not returned by press time. Nor was a phone message left for his parents at the address listed in the court document.

Di Loreto, a 7-foot, 215-pound center called a "top" recruit by Cal Poly when his signing with the school was announced Nov. 14, 2007, averaged 8.2 points per game as a senior at Hopkins High School in Minnetonka.

In the announcement, Bromley touted Di Loreto as "a seven-footer with a great deal of potential" who would "have a big impact playing in the Big West Conference."

Textbooks

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to sell back.

Publishers also tend to issue new editions frequently, which further distorts the resale market, Allen explained.

"They issue new editions an average of 3.8 years apart," she said. "Then they jack up prices between editions an average of 12 percent, so not only...do they wipe out all the used books...but they're charging more for the new books than they were for the older ones."

The new law will mean that textbooks, workbooks and CDs must be sold separately to cut costs and that new book editions should be issued less frequently.

Veronica Long, a political science junior and employee at Aida's University Book Exchange in San Luis Obispo, was one of many people dubious about the bill before it was signed.

"I think it's a good step in the right direction but at the same time, it's not really going to have that big of an impact," Long said. "Even if they took the student solution manuals out, brand new books still cost way more money than they are worth."

Long added that eliminating bundles would not help those buying only used books, since only brand new books are packaged and bundled.

However, she said publishing fewer new editions would probably help lower textbook prices.

"They update the health books every year," Long said. "(But) it's still the same exact information I learned in high school."

Another reason Allen said textbooks cost so much is that professors don't often see the prices of the textbooks they choose until they are on the bookstore shelves.

"In old-fashioned restaurants... they'd give the woman a different menu with no prices on it hoping that she'd choose the most expensive meal," Allen said. "It's kind of like that; publishers market the textbook and since the professors don't actually need to buy them themselves, price isn't going to be on the table. By withholding the price info, they don't have to worry about the professor saying, 'Hey, wait a minute, this textbook is \$250; are you kidding me?'"

As to why the prices of textbooks are so high, Allen said the publishers have said given reasons that in her opinion "don't hold water."

"They say things like the bookstores are responsible for the high costs, which isn't true; they only mark up the books," Allen said. "They say that paper costs a lot, ink costs a lot, editorial costs a lot. The information in textbooks is definitely valuable, but for an introductory calculus textbook to cost \$205? That's one of the main tactics publishers use to drive up costs."

Calls made to major textbook publishers McGraw-Hill and Oxford University Press to discuss textbook prices were not returned.

Jessica Ramussen, one of the managers of Aida's, said she would like to be able to complain about the high cost of books except that she doesn't quite know what she is paying for.

"I wish that they would reveal... what it's costing them to make textbooks," Ramussen said. "I don't really know how much it's costing them to produce some of these books that they're selling to us for \$75 that we're selling to the students for \$85. I feel like it's because they price gouge... but I don't really know."

The new law will also require schools to give students the list of required textbooks a semester or quarter early, giving the consumer time to shop around, including online, for bargains.

Cindy Giambalvo, courseware division manager for El Corral Bookstore, was in favor of that aspect, having grappled many times with professors not letting her know which textbooks they wanted until the last minute.

"If we get the (textbook) information really late then it makes it hard to get used books at all or to do buy-backs from the students," Giambalvo said. "The Academic Senate did pass a resolution encouraging the faculty to turn in the book information early and some of the faculty have done that, some have not. At this point, there really isn't a penalty for them not turning it in early."

Frank Cawley, bookstore director at El Corral Bookstore, was skeptical about the law's effectiveness.

They have to recoup the production costs and the printing, he said.

"(Say) we retail it for \$100. It costs us \$75. Even if we were to sell it at \$75, the feeling of the students would still be 'you're ripping me off' so I don't drastically see this (bill) as being the panacea," Cawley said.

On the other hand, some students were encouraged to hear about the bill.

"It will be nice to have cheap textbooks," said Whitney Moran, a graphic communications senior and employee at El Corral Bookstore. "And working at the bookstore, people won't be so angry...when they come to pay and you're like, '\$500, please.' It just frustrates them to pay that much for textbooks every quarter."



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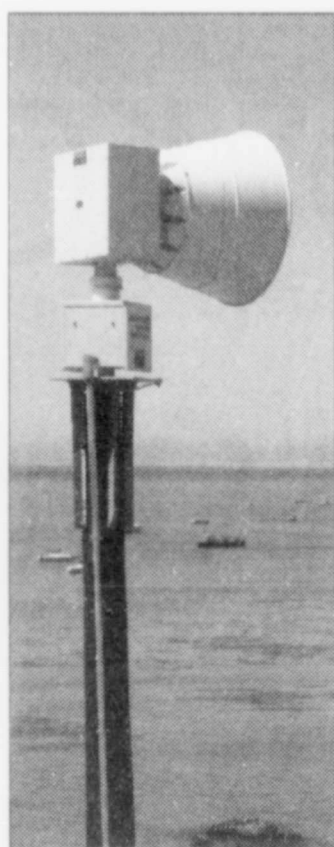
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Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones D-Ohio introduces Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. back in February. Tubbs Jones, 58, the first black woman to represent Ohio in Congress, was hospitalized Wednesday, after suffering an aneurysm, her spokeswoman said.

U.S. Rep. Tubbs Jones of Ohio dies after hemorrhage

M.R. Kropko
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democratic U.S. Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones, the first black woman to represent Ohio in Congress and a strong critic of the Iraq war, died Wednesday after a brain hemorrhage, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Tubbs Jones, 58, died Wednesday evening of a brain hemorrhage caused by an aneurysm that burst and left her with limited brain function, said Eileen Sheil, a spokeswoman for the Cleveland Clinic, which owns the Huron Hospital in East Cleveland where Tubbs Jones died.

"Throughout the course of the day and into this evening, Congresswoman Tubbs Jones' medical condition declined," Sheil said in a statement from the clinic and Tubbs Jones' family.

The liberal Democrat, first elected in 1998, suffered the

hemorrhage while driving her car in Cleveland Heights Tuesday night, said Dr. Gus Kious, president of Huron Hospital. A brain aneurysm is a bulge in an artery in the brain. It can leak or rupture, causing bleeding in the brain.

Several news organizations, including The Associated Press, had reported earlier in the day that Tubbs Jones had died. That report, citing a Democratic official, was corrected a few minutes later when a hospital official held a news conference to say she was in critical condition.

Tubbs Jones represented the heavily Democratic 11th District and chaired the ethics committee in the House. She was the first black woman to serve on the powerful Ways and Means Committee, where she opposed President Bush's tax cuts and his efforts to create personal accounts within Social Security.

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Biden favored for Democratic VP

Nedra Pickier
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sen. Joe Biden has emerged as the favorite among Democrats to be Barack Obama's running mate for his understanding of foreign policy in grave global times and his fighting spirit against the rival Republican ticket.

Obama is keeping his decision quiet, but his staff in Chicago and party activists who await a decision are buzzing about Biden in large part because he can address two of Obama's biggest weaknesses — his lack of experience, especially on world affairs, and his reluctance to go on the attack. The speculation is less of an indicator of whether Biden will ultimately be Obama's pick, and more of a recognition of the challenges their candidate faces at this pivotal moment in the race.

Obama plans to appear with his newly selected running mate Saturday, with the pick announced via text message to supporters. Obama also is widely thought to be considering Govs. Kathleen Sebelius of Kansas and Tim Kaine of Virginia, and Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana.

Biden, 65, was first elected to represent Delaware in 1972. Obama was 11 at the time; half the people living in the U.S. were not born when Biden arrived on Capitol Hill. He is a curious front-runner to join a ticket headed by Obama, who prevailed during the primaries by making the case that he is an outsider who can bring change to Washington.

Biden is a charismatic and hard-

charging campaigner with a compelling personal story — his wife and daughter were killed in a car accident a few weeks after he was first elected, but two sons survived serious injuries in the crash. Biden commuted home to Wilmington daily to care for them, a practice he continues to this day. The oldest son, Beau, is now Delaware's attorney general and a National Guard member whose unit is being deployed to Iraq in October.

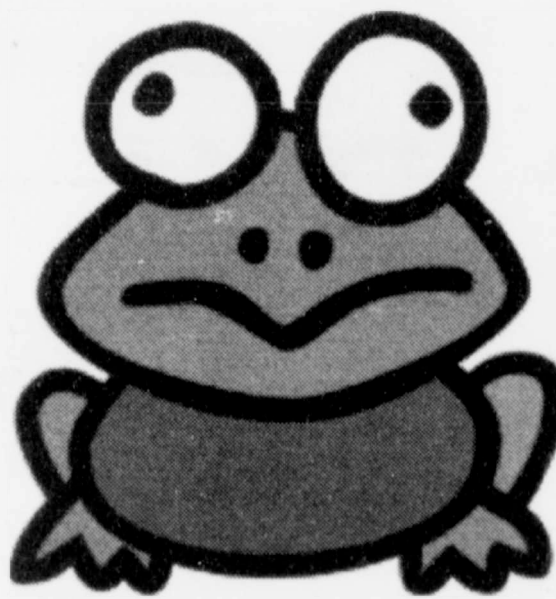
Biden got another scare 10 years ago, when two brain aneurysms kept him out of the Senate for several months.

Biden returned Monday from a trip to Georgia at the invitation of the embattled country's president, a well-timed reminder of the value he could bring to Obama's ticket.

Fighting between Georgia and Russia has only increased the sense that Americans will turn to the candidate they believe will be a strong international leader. McCain brings a military background and leadership on the Senate Armed Services Committee. Obama only has served three years in Washington, but Biden is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he has served for 33 years.

Polls also show the race between Obama and GOP rival John McCain tightening, and Obama is responding by stepping up his attacks in speeches and commercials targeted to key states. Obama has never been entirely comfortable going negative, a move that threatens his call for civility in politics, but Biden has never shied from a fight.

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At least 153 dead in Madrid jet crash

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A jetliner heading to the popular Canary Islands vacation resort crashed during takeoff Wednesday, turning a wooded area off the end of a runway into a hellish scene of charred bodies and smoldering wreckage. Some 153 were believed dead — Spain's worst air disaster in nearly 25 years.

Only 19 people survived the midafternoon crash of the Spanair MD-82 at Madrid's Barajas International Airport, and some were in critical condition, said Development Minister Magdalena Alvarez, whose department oversees civil aviation in Spain.

The airline didn't release a death toll, but said the plane carried 172 crew members and passengers, including two babies and 20 youngsters. There was no word on how many children died.

As smoke billowed from the

wreckage, dozens of fire trucks and ambulances rushed to help, lining a nearby road and filling a field next to a swath of charred vegetation. Helicopters flew over dumping water on fires.

"The scene is devastating," said Pablo Albella, an emergency rescue worker. "The fuselage is destroyed. The plane burned. I have seen a kilometer of charred land and few whole pieces of the fuselage. It is all destruction."

Rescuers rushed the few survivors to hospitals, while emergency workers shrouded the dead in white sheets. One body lay on burned grass, an arm and a leg poking out.

Later, a long convoy of black hearses rolled onto the airport grounds to carry bodies to a makeshift morgue set up at Madrid's main convention center — the facility used for relatives to identify bodies after the 2004 Islamic terror bombings that killed 191 people on Madrid commuter trains.

A steady stream of hearses arrived at the morgue under police escort Wednesday night. Mourners went to a special waiting area, avoiding photographers and reporters.

It was not immediately clear what went wrong. Alvarez said the jetliner had barely gotten airborne when it veered right, crashed and broke into pieces.

Spanair, a Spanish company wholly owned by Scandinavian Airlines, said it did not know what caused the accident. Alvarez said investigators ruled out foul play and considered the crash an accident. She said the plane's flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder have been recovered.

While preparing for a first take-off attempt, the plane's pilot reported a breakdown in a gauge that measures temperature outside the plane. The gauge was fixed, delaying the departure, said Spanair spokeswoman Susana Vergara.

College presidents seek debate on drinking age

Justin Pope
ASSOCIATED PRESS

College presidents from about 100 of the nation's best-known universities, including Duke, Dartmouth and Ohio State, are calling on lawmakers to consider lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18, saying current laws actually encourage dangerous binge drinking on campus.

The movement called the Amethyst Initiative began quietly recruiting presidents more than a year ago to provoke national debate about the drinking age.

"This is a law that is routinely evaded," said John McCardell, former president of Middlebury College in Vermont who started the organization. "It is a law that the people at whom it is directed believe is unjust and unfair and discriminatory."

Other prominent schools in the group include Syracuse, Tufts, Colgate, Kenyon and Morehouse.

But even before the presidents begin the public phase of their efforts, which may include publishing newspaper ads in the coming weeks, they are already facing sharp criticism.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving says lowering the drinking age would

lead to more fatal car crashes. It accuses the presidents of misrepresenting science and looking for an easy way out of an inconvenient problem. MADD officials are even urging parents to think carefully about the safety of colleges whose presidents have signed on.

"It's very clear the 21-year-old drinking age will not be enforced at those campuses," said Laura Dean-Mooney, national president of MADD.

Both sides agree alcohol abuse by college students is a huge problem.

Research has found more than 40 percent of college students reported at least one symptom of alcohol abuse or dependence. One study has estimated more than 500,000 full-time students at four-year colleges suffer injuries each year related in some way to drinking, and about 1,700 die in such accidents.

A recent Associated Press analysis of federal records found that 157 college-age people, 18 to 23, drank themselves to death from 1999 through 2005. Moana Jagasia, a Duke University sophomore from Singapore, where the drinking age is lower, said reducing the age in the U.S. could be helpful.

WORD ON THE STREET

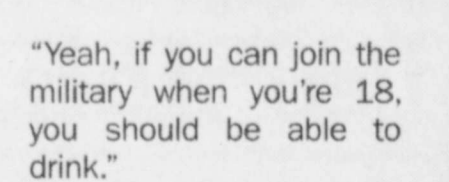
"Do you think the legal drinking age in the U.S. should be changed?"

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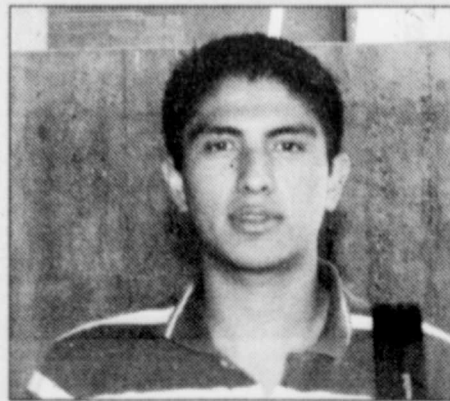
"No. If they were to change the age to a lower one even younger kids would want to buy it because at age 18, some kids are still in high school. It'll be more accessible to younger high school students."

-Sayra Reyes,
art and design senior



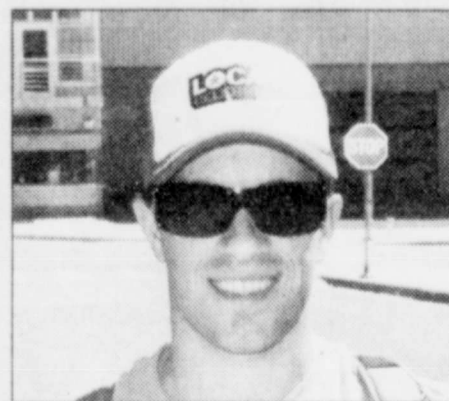
"Yeah, if you can join the military when you're 18, you should be able to drink."

-Javier Mendez,
computer engineering
freshman



"Probably, because you're an adult when you're 18, and you can vote. In other countries it's younger as well."

-Miles LaMon,
wine and viticulture senior



"Definitely, I think that's one of the problems with America today; (it's) so taboo. I think if there was more alcohol education, I don't think as many teens would be into rebel drinking."

-Jenna Homes,
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A plain-clothed security official, bottom right, grabs a Tibetan flag from three pro-Tibet activists as they gesture in protest opposite the National Stadium, where the Olympic athletics competition had just finished in Beijing early Thursday.

Olympic protestors detained in China

Audra Ang
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two elderly Chinese women who applied to hold a protest during the Olympics were ordered to spend a year in a labor camp, a relative said Wednesday. Police later squelched a pro-Tibet demonstration.

The women were still at home three days after being officially notified they would have to serve a year-long term of re-education through labor, but were under surveillance by a government-backed neighborhood group, said Li Xuehui, the son of one of the women.

Li said no cause was given for the order to imprison his 79-year-old mother, Wu Dianyuan, and her neighbor Wang Xiuying, 77.

"Wang Xiuying is almost blind and disabled. What sort of re-education through labor can she serve?" Li said in a telephone interview. "But they can also be taken away at any time."

Meanwhile, swarms of plainclothes police set upon four foreign activists early Thursday as they tried to stage a protest against Chinese rule over Tibet — the latest in a series of unsanctioned demonstrations to occur during the Olympics.

Beijing announced last month that it would allow protests in three parks far from the Olympic venues during the games but they had to be approved in advance. Of the some 77

applications lodged so far, none have been approved, and rights groups have called the zones a charade.

The four unfurled a Tibetan flag and shouted "Free Tibet" south of the "Bird's Nest" National Stadium, the New York-based Students for a Free Tibet said. It put the number of police at 50; a spokeswoman for the Beijing Public Security Bureau declined comment.

"The fact that there were so many undercover police following them it just made them go with the action urgently," said Kate Woznow, the group's campaigns director.

Two Associated Press photographers were roughed up by plainclothes security officers, forced into cars and taken to a nearby building where they were questioned before being released. Memory cards from their cameras were confiscated.

The four activists — whose whereabouts were not known — were identified by Students for a Free Tibet as Tibetan-German Florian Norbu Gyanatshang, 30; Mandie McKeown, 41, of Britain; and Americans Jeremy Wells, 38 and John Watterberg, 30.

The rough treatment and intimidation being meted out to foreigners and elderly Chinese underscore the authorities' determination to prevent any protests during the Olympics, even though Beijing Olympic organizers last month said demonstrations would be allowed in designated areas.

Jones

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Tubbs Jones was a firm supporter of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton during the primaries until throwing her support behind Sen. Barack Obama in June. She was to have been a super-delegate at next week's Democratic National Convention in Denver.

The Clinton family released a statement saying they shared a friendship with Tubbs Jones that "deepened through every trial and challenge."

"Over the course of many years, with many ups and many downs, Stephanie was right by our side — unwavering, indefatigable," the statement said. "It was that fighting spirit ... that allowed Stephanie to rise from modest beginnings, to succeed in public service, to become a one-woman force for progress in our country."

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SAN BERNARDINO (AP)

— A massive mechanical mole that has spent the last five years burrowing under the San Bernardino Mountains resurfaced Wednesday, marking a major step in completing a 44-mile water line that will eventually serve thirsty Southern Californians.

The Inland Feeder is expected to pipe water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta during the rainy season into the Diamond Valley Lake reservoir in Riverside County by 2010.

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SANTA ANA (AP)

— The owners of an Orange County employment agency were accused of hiring illegal immigrants as caregivers and guiding them toward dating services so they could marry Americans and stay in the country legally.

National

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP)

— Emergency crews launched airboats into submerged streets Wednesday to rescue central Florida residents trapped by rising floodwaters from a stalled Tropical Storm Fay, which soaked the state for a third consecutive day.

Calling the flooding "catastrophic," Gov. Charlie Crist requested an emergency disaster declaration from the federal government.

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ATLANTA (AP)

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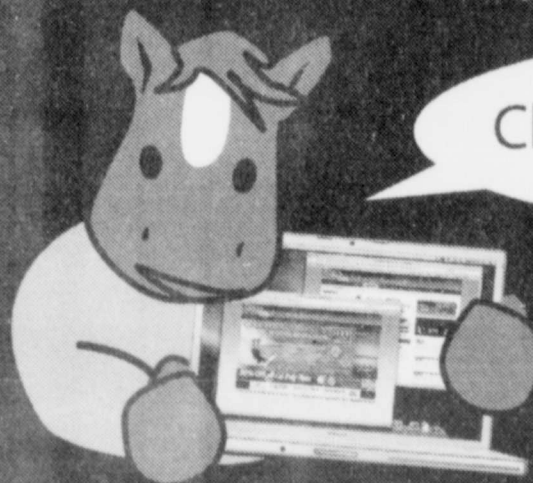
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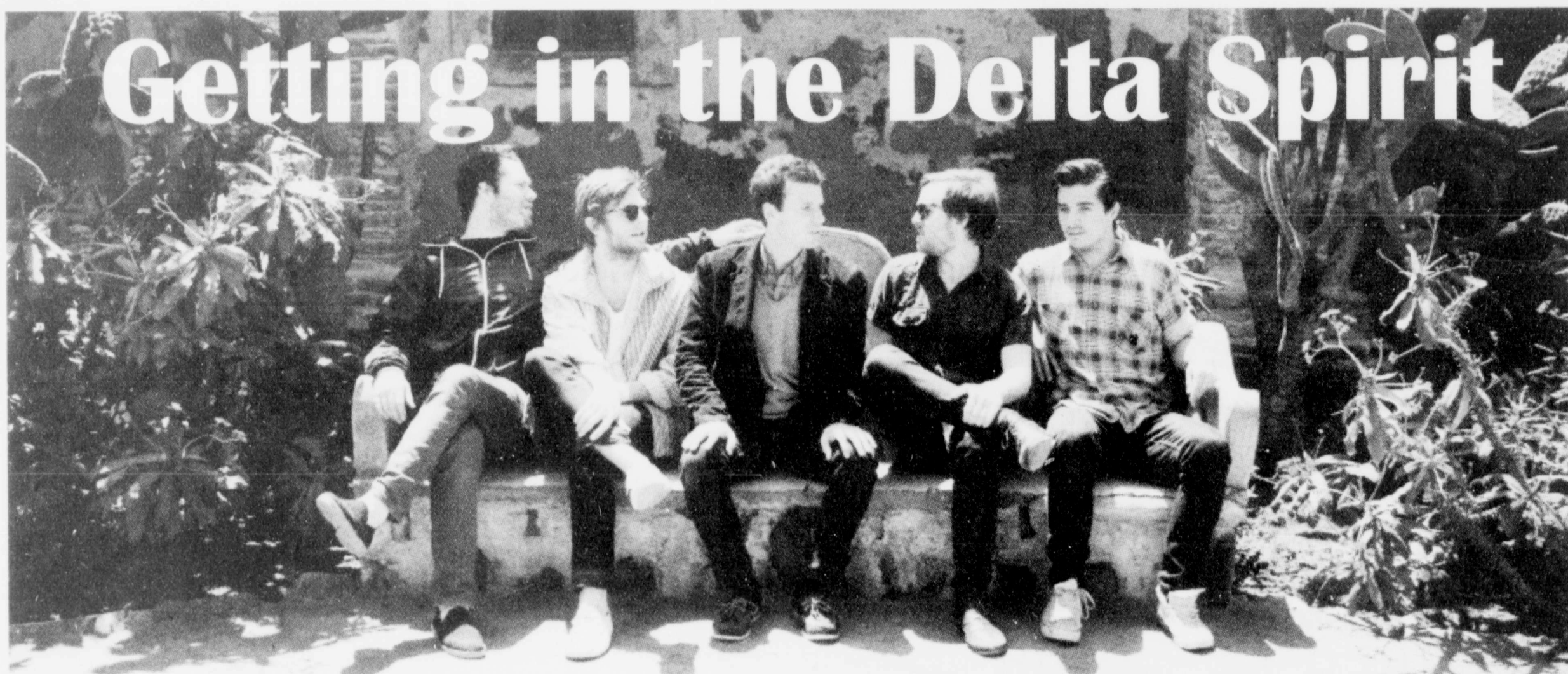


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Getting in the Delta Spirit



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MUSTANG DAILY

Just days after gracing a San Luis Obispo stage, San Diego rock-and-soul band Delta Spirit will make its TV debut on the Late Night with Conan O'Brien stage on Sept. 3.

One of the band's first summer performances to promote its new album, "Ode to Sunshine," will be at Boo Boo Records in downtown San Luis Obispo for an in-store show August 27 — the day after the album's re-release.

The band will make its way around the country for two months and make its first TV performance with O'Brien.

"We're pretty psyched, and we like Conan a lot," bassist Jon Jameson said, adding that Delta Spirit is in the process of planning a way to spice up the on-air performance to make it memorable.

"We're kind of trying to think of something that would be like very us and make it a little bit more like a special thing, but we haven't really come up with anything yet," he said.

The ideas they've considered include wearing bear costumes or dressing as lumberjacks.

"Maybe we'll end up doing something... or maybe we'll just end up playing a song," Jameson said.

The atmosphere for the in-store show at Boo Boo will likely be far more moderate than the possibilities contemplated for the Late Night appearance.

The band has only done one in-store show in the past, and is unsure of what to expect.

Frank Hayes, assistant manager at Boo Boo records who books the in-store shows, said the performances are usually pretty laid-back.

"They come in, it's real intimate, a real mellow affair," Hayes said. "They play, hang out."

He said in-store shows have taken place at Boo Boo Records for decades and have included nationally acclaimed bands like Sublime.

"We're not a venue, so we don't operate like a venue, you know, we're still open for business," Hayes said. "If someone wants to come in and look through our classics, we've got to make their shopping experience a good one still."

"It's nice because you can still have a conversation with a customer but enjoy the atmosphere of a live performance simultaneously," Hayes added.

This won't be the first time Delta Spirit has ventured to the Central Coast. They performed at Downtown Brew in 2007 and The Graduate in May.

"We've played some good shows (in San Luis Obispo) ... and we had good response from people," Jameson said of returning to the Central Coast.

Before it was picked up by Rounder Records, the band's album, "Ode to Sunshine," was featured on music review Web site DayTrotter.com as one of 2007's top 15 albums.

"It's music that can change you in the nicest ways, make you a little happier, a little more alive," the Day Trotter review said about the album.

Delta Spirit originally recorded "Ode to Sunshine" in a cabin in the San Diego mountains. "We just wanted a place that was out of our normal setting and a place that would isolate us a little bit so we could actually get work done," Jameson said.

The band members, all in their mid-20s, said that because they're young and have friends at Cal Poly, students will likely relate to their music.

"It'll be a fun in-store," Jameson said. "It'll be a surprise to us and to everyone else how we end up playing it."

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Some may consider beer a less sophisticated beverage than wine, but on the Central Coast, privately-owned breweries are an alternative to the plentiful wineries.

Central Coast Brewing (CCB) on Monterey Street has created a reputation for its premier brewing facilities and variety of hand-crafted microbrews and signature ales, including its most popular flavor: chai, said CCB's Head Brewer Jeff Sorenson.

"Beer is more appealing to me because you can drink more of it," he said. "It has a lower alcohol content than wine, and you can sit down with your friends and have a few beers."

Creekside Brewing Co. plans to open up shop in downtown San Luis Obispo as well, according to a recent report by The Tribune. Like Downtown Brewing Co. (DTB) on Garden Street, Creekside Brewing Co. will brew its own beer on site, serve bottled selections and have a full bar pairing drinks with entrees.

For beer fans, Sorenson recommends Downtown Brewing Co.'s India Pale Ale (IPA), Santa Maria Brewing Co.'s Porter and IPA, and Firestone Walker Brewing Company's Union Jack IPA.

"You can put a flavor in the beer, but by law in Germany, you only have to have the four main ingredients or you can't call it beer," he said.

Of course, the four ingredients he referred to are malted barley, hops, water and yeast. With the perfect combination and the right amount of time, these ingredients can produce a refreshing, flavorful beverage.

"I look for balance between sweetness and bitterness," Sorenson said. "I like a real clean flavor, no off flavors like a sour or buttery taste. Some beers taste like gasoline to me."

DTB prepares about 700 barrels of beer annually, said DTB Master Brewer Steve Courier, who has been brewing at the location for more than 10 years.

"Beer is always the best when it's fresh," he said. "I think beer should always be cold. It's a perishable. And we don't filter our beer here. In a way, it's better here because a lot of times when filtering, you're looking for shelf stability, looking for it to last. Here, we're not interested in making it last as long."

Courier also works as a brewer at Firestone Walker Brewing Company in Paso Robles. He said the difference between DTB and Firestone Walker is that one is a bar, restaurant and brewery and the other is a just a brewery.

Also, the production rate is much higher at Firestone Walker, where nearly 40,000 barrels are brewed annually.

"When people come (to Firestone Walker), they're coming just to drink beer," he said.

The brewing process takes about three weeks before any beer is ready to be tasted, Sorenson said, adding that beer tasting is just as sophisticated as wine tasting.

"We're not like wine makers, where they wait for the crush to do it," Sorenson said. "Hops and barley can be stored for years. Mainly, what I tell people is to pay attention to what they taste. Give it a good smell, because a lot of the taste is in the smell."

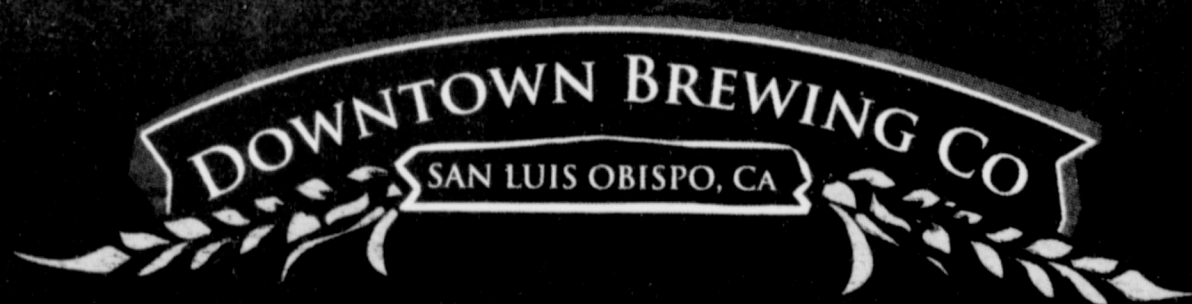
When smelling IPA, Sorenson said to look for a really nice, fresh hop smell. For a brew like a Hefeweizen, he said to smell for that clove, banana, and bubble gum kind of aroma.

Courier said that a beer's clarity, or clear, bright color, is important to a lot of people.

"To the average drinker, seeing a bright, clear beer is appealing," he said. "A lot of times people drink with their eyes first."

DTB offers a 6-beer sampler for \$6, CCB's beer tasting is \$1 per beer, and Firestone Walker offers a 4-beer sampler with a complimentary pint glass for \$6.

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Presto's new album lacking

Scott Silvey
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Capitalizing on the talent of some of the genre's godfathers, hip-hop producer Chris Douglas (stage name: Presto) may well just have the needed star power behind him to get an audience for his new album, "State of the Art".

The young producer has yet to cross the threshold to greatness, even as artists including Sadat X of Brand Nubian fame, CL Smooth and Pete Rock, and O.C. of the Crooklyn Dodgers provide Presto with an enjoyable album of jazzy, funk-filled tracks.

The production is top notch; there is not one throw-away beat on the disc. But when you get several former hip-hop giants together who seem to be fading from the limelight, it often results in verses mailed in from rappers hoping that the name recognition of past exploits is enough.

The featured track on the album is entitled "Conquer Mentally." It features the aforementioned Sadat X and O.C. as well as Large Professor. The interlaced piano makes for an upbeat sound, but the lyrics don't match the music — a trend prevalent throughout the album. The verses of

the song are battle rhymes, but the beat does not have the gritty feel that one would expect from a battle track.

If Presto can get in contact with some of the bright young minds of the industry, he could become a force in the hip-hop world. But he needs to find himself some young talent to produce, a la Prince Paul with De La Soul or Dan the Automator with Kool Keith so he can carve out a more definite niche in the flooded hip-hop market.

"State of the Art" brings to mind the work of RJD2's "Deadringer" album, which brought the Columbus, Ohio-based producer critical acclaim. The main difference between the albums is that RJD2 did very little in terms of vocals. You could just relax and get into a mood with each beat.

Presto's album does not allow you to feel the music because you are listening to the words of the emcees through the songs. Eventually, what you hear are uninteresting verses of redundant one-liners or recycled tales of women and booze.

Presto is on the verge of distinguishing himself among the best of today's young producers. Finding an entirely fresh voice to work with on the next album may just push him over the threshold.

'Pineapple Express': a train wreck you can look away from

Chelsea Bieker
MUSTANG DAILY

"Pineapple Express," written by Seth Rogan and Evan Goldberg, is the latest film to emerge from the Judd Apatow fun factory and, dare I say, it wasn't that much fun.

Meet Dale Denton (Rogan) and prepare to be amazed. As with every role Rogan plays, he doesn't stray too far from his preexisting, laid-back, charming loser profile. Denton doesn't have a whole lot going for him, squandering away his days as a process server, getting high in his car between bouts of ruining peoples' days.

Denton finds himself in a bit of a "wrong place, wrong time" situation when he accidentally witnesses drug lord Ted Jones (Gary Cole) and crooked cop Carol (Rosie Perez) murder one of the "Asians" that had been stirring up a war with Jones. Startled by the brutal killing, Denton makes a run for it after hastily dropping his roach on the ground.

Having been spotted, Denton is all nerves, and becomes even more paranoid when his drug dealer, Saul Silver (James Franco), informs him that the weed he sold him is exclusive and would most certainly be traced back to them.

The "Pineapple Express" is a rare kind of weed that, according to sloppy stoner Silver, is like "God's vagina," and sets the tone of stupidity for the entire movie. Even when taking into consideration that the majority of the characters are super high throughout the movie, it still isn't that funny.

It's like you just want to rip the joint from their hands, smash it on the floor and inform the characters of a few common sense moves they should make in order to allow any semi-sober person to get in on the jokes — and of course, the laughs.

The pair set out on an endless and incomprehensible journey that features enough crotch assaults to win some sort of crotch assault award. After the 59th blow to the nether regions, it began to grow stale.

The violence escalated from fists to guns, and provided an amazingly unrealistic attempt at an action movie. The characters were more than human and able to

withstand multiple gun wounds to the torso area, and still be fine? Okay...

But, after all, without Denton and Silver's ridiculous conquests, there would be no movie and the world would miss out on Franco's surprisingly wonderful representation of the drug dealer with a heart of gold. He is like a cute little half-witted puppy. No matter what he did, it was okay because he wasn't capable of much more than being cute.

Viewing the trailer, it might be easy to get sucked in to the hype due to the more-than-catchy tune by M.I.A. playing in the background, but don't be fooled. I waited the entire movie for the song to break in and save us all. It never happened.

This movie falls under the new genre appropriately dubbed "bromance," and rightfully so. If this movie accomplishes anything, it would have to be the undeniably endearing relationship that forms between main characters Denton and Silver.

The two characters' chemistry onscreen was apparent. It was easy to imagine that the entire movie was a work of im-

provisation. Whether this is a good thing or not is still up in the air.

There were some laugh-out-loud moments, nearly all originating from the lazy stoner mouth of Silver, accompanied by Denton's half-hearted retaliations, but it just wasn't enough to keep the "Pineapple Express" from derailing.

The plot was as unappetizing as it was completely unrealistic and difficult to follow. There was a mad mix of things going on: a confusing drug war, beatings, pot smoking, shootings, pot smoking, a series of various horrible events, pot smoking and more pot smoking.

Hey guys, maybe the reason that your lives are crumbling before your eyes is because every five minutes you light up a doobie and handle important situations while blown out of your mind. Just an observation.

Basically, the entire movie asks the question, "Will the buddies get caught, and perhaps killed by Jones?" To get to the answer you have to ride the "Pineapple Express" train of mediocrity — and I wouldn't recommend it.



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Seth Rogan (left) and James Franco star in the weed-obsessed comedy "Pineapple Express," in theatres now.

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"Dude, I want my eggs freakin' out there!"

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Take out the ear buds, smell the rose buds

Quick show of hands: how many of you have an iPod?

If you do and you're a student at Cal Poly, then chances are, you got yours in the last four years and that little clickable interface is like second nature to you. The latest hit single has been at your fingertips for most of your adult or even teenage years and with 1,000 songs readily at your disposal, the walk between classes need never be boring again.

Just watch out for that bicyclist as you pass Dexter Lawn. He's got one too and he's far too engrossed in Katy Perry's "I Kissed a Girl" to notice you crossing in front of him.

Just for a minute let me take you on a spin through memory lane. The year is 2004. A war is on and a presidential election is under way, but that's not important for the moment. What is important is that you and the biker haven't met yet.

It's a very interesting year for technology buffs. In January, Apple announced that its just sold their 2 millionth iPod. In February and March ICANN, the government body which assigns and tracks internet addresses, finds itself under attack from media companies and from the United Nations. In October, Wired Magazine recognized podcasts as "the new twist on Internet audio."

In short, 2004 was a year in which the digital landscape that so many know and love was shaped.

It was also the year I personally started to take notice of the growing phenomenon of social isolation that was taking hold due to technological reliance.

Sure, cell phones had already become fixtures in daily life and people complained about the emergent propensity of the "dial and drive" trend, but it was also the year that more individuals than ever started tuning in to their iPods and tuning out the real world.

Remember the dancing baby commercials? They were a perfect symbol for the isolation and insulation that was taking hold. Babies are supposed to explore the world around them with a sense of wonderment and joy and here was a commercial summing up the new human experience as rocking out to your preselected compilation.

Technology is a wonderful tool, allowing instant communication — even constant communication — with friends, family and total strangers. There has always been a debate, however, that the benefits of mobile communication outweigh the social consequences.

In 2004, I was a high school senior, still, I have to admit, a little preoccupied with the frivolities of movies and video games, which was not so unusual (many of my peers still are). But that year, I had a chance encounter that changed my perspective on the use of technology in our daily lives.

I had taken a little trip from the sleepy town of 5,000 where I spent my formative years, to visit my best friend in the nearest city of 150,000 people. It may not seem

like a big deal, but to me it was a bit of a culture shock when I got out of the car and realized everyone my age was milling about, either with their eyes on the ground chatting on a cell phone or bopping along with those little white cords hanging from their ears.

After being introduced to my friend's new girlfriend, which had been part of the point in my journey, we all piled into his car to grab a pizza. I was perplexed when she got into the backseat and proceeded to rock out to U2 on her iPod mini.

She had become one of the pod people. My consternation was made complete when, as we puttered along in traffic, my friend's cell phone rang and he began a very detailed conversation with a classmate over the tensile strength of steel (engineering students, what are you going to do?).

I realized very suddenly that, although I was in a vehicle with two other people, I was very much alone. The use of electronic gizmos allowed them to create their own realities, and consequently robbed us all of any meaningful experience in the moment.



PAUL LACHINE NEWSART

The more I thought about it, the more I realized how socially isolated we all have the potential to become due to the unfortunate consequences of busy lives and rampant technological intrusion. The issue seems at first glance overwhelming and complex. With GPS maps we don't ask for directions. With iPods we don't have to pay attention. With cell phones we can talk to someone far away instead of the person we're sitting next to. With MySpace and Facebook we speak to "friends" through an IM interface instead of speaking to neighbors across the fence.

It may be part of the reason that a quarter of Americans said in a 2006 study that they had no one with whom they can discuss their private trials and tribulations. No real friends in other words. That number was double the findings for the 1985 study (a period when most people thought that letters arrived in the mail and not on a computer).

I'm not saying that there's nothing to be done about it. California recently addressed public safety concerns with the ban on using handheld cell phones while driving (although you can still talk via Bluetooth) and New York state attempted to use similar grounds last year to ban use of electronic devices that distract pedestrians as they cross the street.

Legislation will never solve the underlying cause though. My advice is, as you're walking across campus, talk to your friends, talk to your classmates, and make some friends.

Take the ear buds out and stop to smell the rosebuds. There are some lovely gardens near the Education building.

Camas Frank is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily reporter.



LEGALIZING MARIJUANA

Responses to "Last dance with Mary Jane, no more time to kill the pain...":

In absolute numbers, the war on drugs causes more harm than the terrorists caused. Americans should start concentrating on destroying the war on drugs and just ignore the terrorists until this more important victory has been accomplished.

— Tim

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A nation with thriving alcohol and tobacco industries lacks any moral authority to issue a stern look at the responsible adult use of cannabis.

— Richard Steeb

Jury nullification would have been appropriate here.

— George

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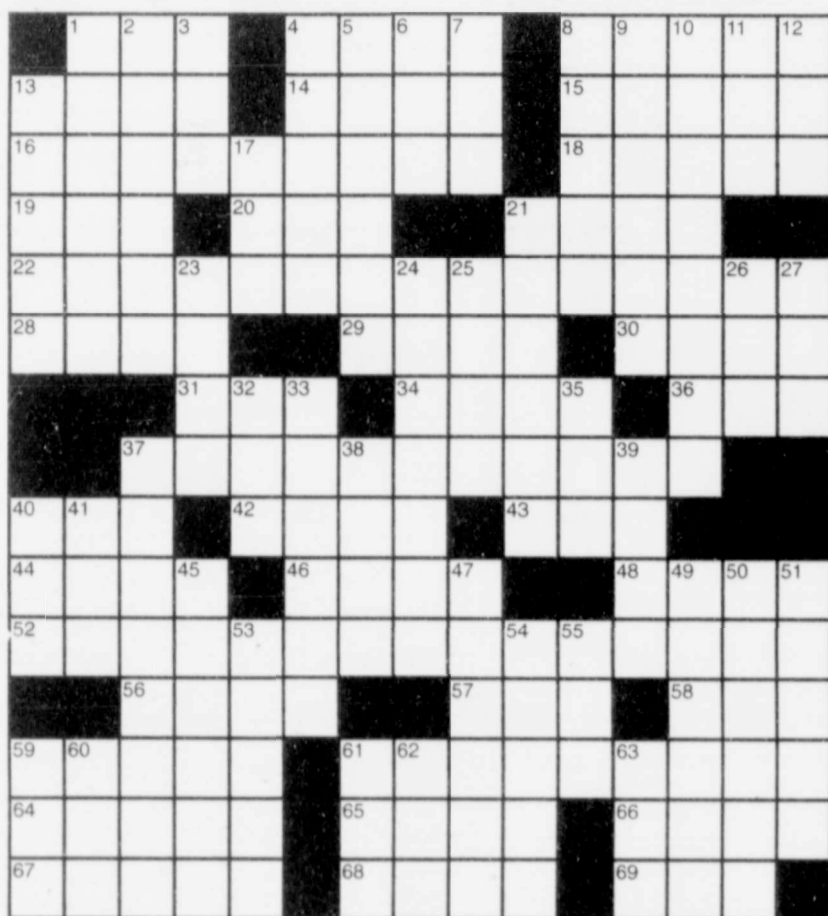


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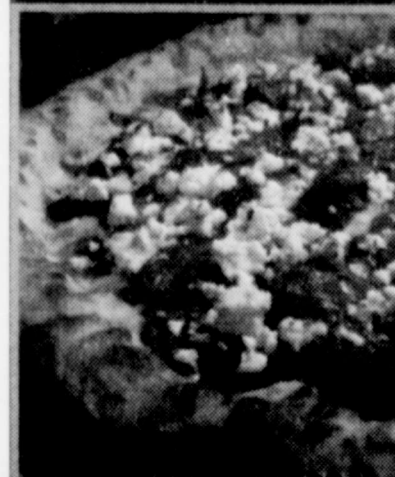
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evaluators, he voices more concern over what he proves in pads than in shorts.

"I want people to look at my tape and say, 'Wow, I don't care what that number says — 4.3 or 4.5 — he's killing everybody who's running across from him,'" he says.

Among the most viciously departed last year were Texas State (which he burned for 207 receiving yards), Weber State (219) and Idaho State (268).

Those in FCS circles not only took note, but also looked for cover. In a forum topic at BobcatNation.com — a Montana State fan site — more than 50 posts banter back and forth about how rival Montana will defend Barden on Sept. 6.

"Do they have any corners that can cover and jump as high as him?" wonders "futurebobcat."

Swiftly, "AlphaGriz1" answers, "No. He will own us once again," before "crazycat" chimes in, "It's a good year to stay away from Cal Poly."

He was so dominant as a junior that another comparison looked more and more plausible.

"There's this little thing we've got going on within the team, where we'll put pictures together and try to find celebrities we look like, and I get Keyshawn Johnson a lot," Barden laughs. "It's only a matter of time before the buzz gets out that I look like him."

Some onlookers haven't been as confused to his identity, though.

"I get autograph requests a lot," the business administration major says. "People will mail me little pictures in pre-stamped envelopes and things like that."

At a position known for breeding larger-than-life egos, Barden has kept

his teammates among his biggest fans.

"It's a blessing to have him," says Jonathan Dally, the Mustangs' senior, starting quarterback. "Aside from being a tremendous athlete, he's just a great all-around guy. He'd give anyone on the team the shirt off his back."

Even in the face of so much acclaim, Barden, the honoree of Facebook groups such as "Throw a Fade to Ramses Barden!!!!", "Ramses Barden is GOD" and "We Bow To Ramses," doesn't seem to be letting the spotlight make him into someone he's not.

"It's always fun to be liked and appreciated, but I don't buy into it too much," explains the Sporting News, Lindy's, Phil Steele's and Consensus Draft Services FCS preseason All-American who's been featured as a "small college" diamond in the rough by newspapers as far away as The Courier of Houma, La. "It's not like I can go downtown and everyone's going to buy me free everything and whatnot. That's not the case — I still have to wait in line with everyone else."

Wherever Barden's line may lead, entering the next level from a perceived "small school" won't be anything new.

Hailing from La Cañada Flintridge's Flintridge Prep, which was a CIF-Southern Section Division XIII high school playing eight-man football until 1996, the Altadena native was invited on visits only to non-scholarship programs Penn and San Diego before choosing Cal Poly.

"I could've walked on at other places, but (Cal Poly) wanted me and I wanted to be a part of this system," Barden recalls. "I thought this was the highest place as far as who was really interested in seeing me play and really wanted me."

That intrigue soon turned into gratitude.

"We knew we had something special early," Mustangs head coach Rich Ellerson says. "Once he got here we thought, 'Woo, this is going to have a happy ending.' ... I remember his freshman year (assistant coaches) going, 'Holy cow! Who is that?'"

To fill out his frame, the 2003 Cal-Hi Sports Small Schools Athlete of the Year redshirted upon arriving at Cal Poly in 2004.

"We were fortunate to run into him," Mustangs offensive coordinator Ian Shields says. "He fell off the radar for some people. When we got him, he came here as a tall, gangly kid, and he's obviously developed."

Barden made the adjustment a quick one.

"We all knew the kind of talent he was as soon as he got here, not only because of his physical attributes, but above the neck as well," Shields says. "He gets things — he's a fast learner."

Last year gave those who passed more reason to wish for a recruiting

do-over, as Barden was the definitive threat for a unit that finished behind only national champion Appalachian State in total offense.

Although the Mustangs missed the playoffs by going 7-4, their four losses came by a combined 26 points, and 10 returning starters from that powder-keg offense have led to several top-15 preseason rankings, peaking at No. 6 by USA Today Sports Weekly (which named Barden as one of 10 FCS "players to watch").

"We've got all the pieces to do whatever we want," Barden says. "Expectations are as high as they've ever been. I would love to see my teammates receive some attention and success beyond this season, and

be able to play football as long as they can."

Barden jokes that one of them — senior wide receiver and fellow All-Great West Conference Team member Tre'dale Tolver — was a tad tardy in delivering a football-related pursuit dear to the heart of nearly any fun-loving college student like Barden — the latest "Madden" video game.

"Tre'dale was supposed to get it this year — it was his turn to buy it," Barden explains.

Likely on the same shelf will be "NCAA Football '09," whose cover is singularly graced by former Arkansas star Darren McFadden. That is, unless you know the right places to look on Facebook.



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Barden separates from a defender in a 23-17 win against UC Davis on Oct. 7, 2006.

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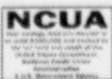


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Ramses is ready for more

After last season, Cal Poly's Ramses Barden considered turning pro instead of returning for his senior year. He couldn't be happier to be back.

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Since its debut 10 years ago, the cover of EA Sports' "NCAA Football" video game series has been reserved for icons.

Heisman Trophy winners Desmond Howard, Charles Woodson and Reggie Bush exemplify the standard, so a Facebook-circulating Photoshop job placing Cal Poly wide receiver Ramses Barden on the cover of this year's XBOX 360 version may seem a bit far-fetched. Then again, it might not.

"I want to be the best player in college football this year, period," Barden says. "The best player in college football."

Why not?

When the Mustangs open Aug. 30 at San Diego State, the 6-foot-6, 227-pound senior will take the field as the active Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) leader in career touchdowns, receiving yards and yards per catch.

After a 2007 in which he was named to every FCS All-America first team and was a Walter Payton Award finalist thanks to skyng and muscling his way to 57 catches for 1,467 yards (a comical 25.7

average) and 18 touchdowns, Barden considered declaring his NFL Draft eligibility early.

Projected as a fifth-round pick at the time by the league's advisory committee, he decided to return for one more year.

"There's definitely not much I regret about the decision," Barden says. "I'm happy to be back. Everybody seems to be taking the season really seriously."

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— Ramses Barden
Cal Poly senior wide receiver

For Barden, the offseason (during which he and others partook in player-run, unofficial practices to maintain focus) was businesslike indeed.

In June, he worked out at Elite Athletics, a training facility in Westlake Village that was started by New Orleans Saints tight end Billy Miller. Since the facility's full opening in February, several NFL players with Southern California roots have

stopped by, including the Saints' Bush, with whom Barden was put through drills by former LSU strength and conditioning coach Travelle Gaines.

"That was a real positive experience," Barden reflects. "It gave me an opportunity to work with some people who've already been through some of the things I'm going through, and kind of give me a vision of some of the things I can see in my future."

Often compared to similarly towering, imposing targets like Marques Colston and Vincent Jackson (both of whom also played at the FCS level), Barden went out for track at Cal Poly in March to improve his speed, clocking an 11.05-second time in the 100 meters and a 22.59 in the 200.

"I loved track," Barden says. "There's a lot I learned, but I wasn't able to pull everything together in the time that I was there. I still think I left a lot on the table."

Most draft sites — some of which chart him as a day-one possibility — estimate his all-important 40-yard dash time between 4.5 and 4.68 seconds.

"I still don't think I've run my fastest 40, by a long shot," says the 22-year-old rated as the country's top "small school" talent and a "potential franchise player" by National Football Foundation contributor Josh Buchanan. "I like to think I play with above-average game speed. ... I want to silence all the critics."

Although Barden clarifies an understanding of the importance of the stopwatch result to NFL

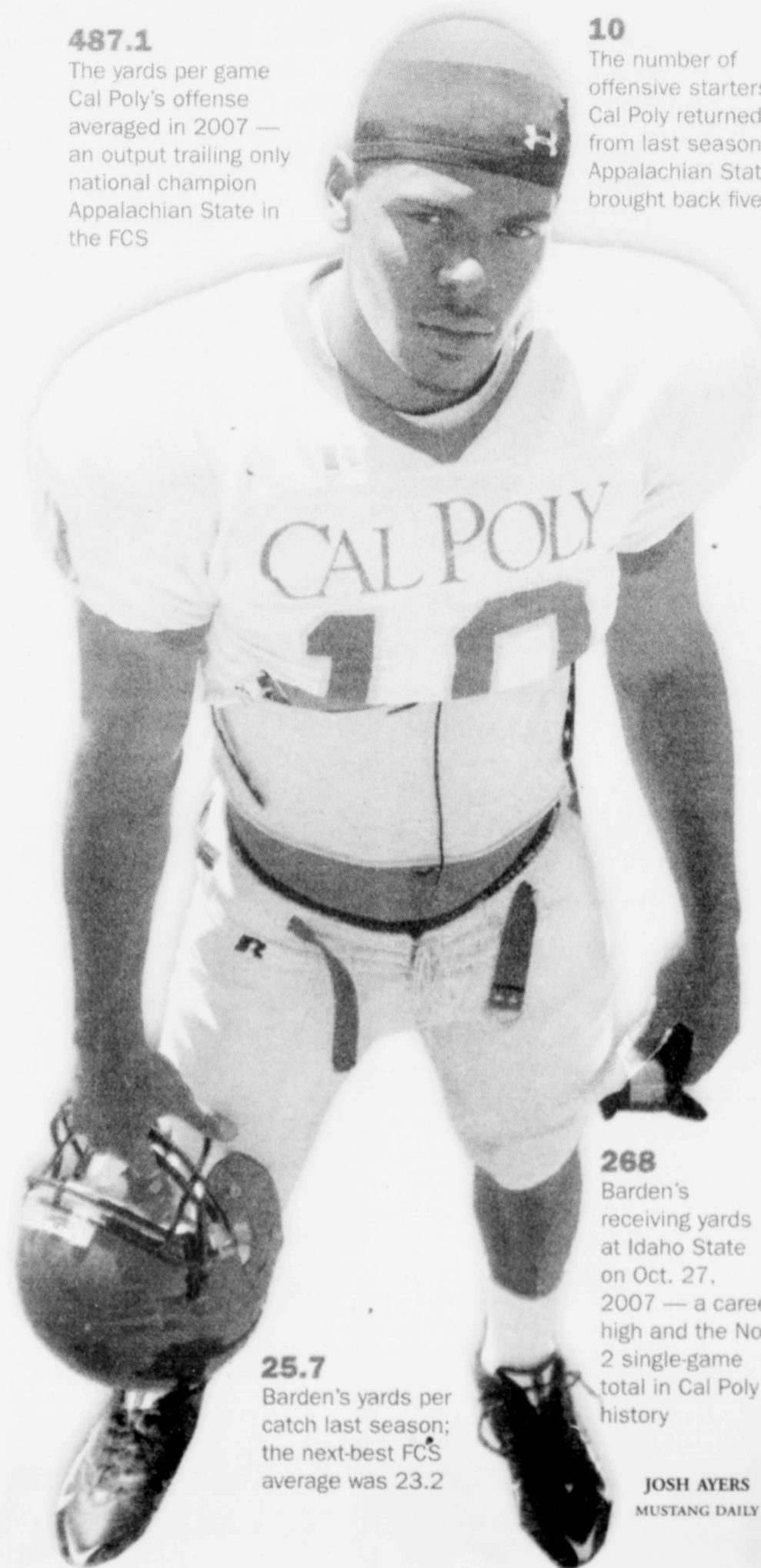
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The yards per game Cal Poly's offense averaged in 2007 — an output trailing only national champion Appalachian State in the FCS

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The number of offensive starters Cal Poly returned from last season; Appalachian State brought back five



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Barden's receiving yards at Idaho State on Oct. 27, 2007 — a career high and the No. 2 single-game total in Cal Poly history

25.7

Barden's yards per catch last season; the next-best FCS average was 23.2

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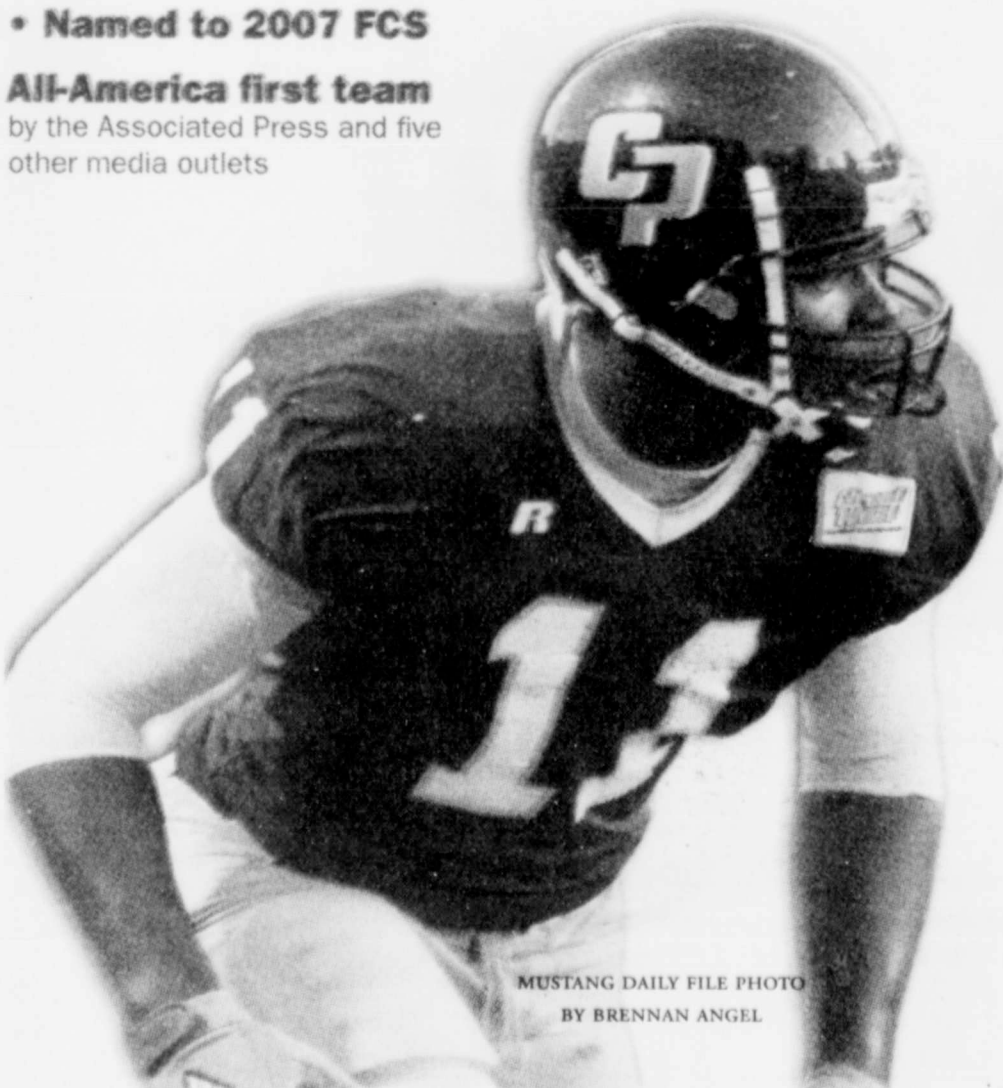
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Records Barden has set at Cal Poly

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Career receiving touchdowns

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Receiving touchdowns in a game

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Points in a season

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